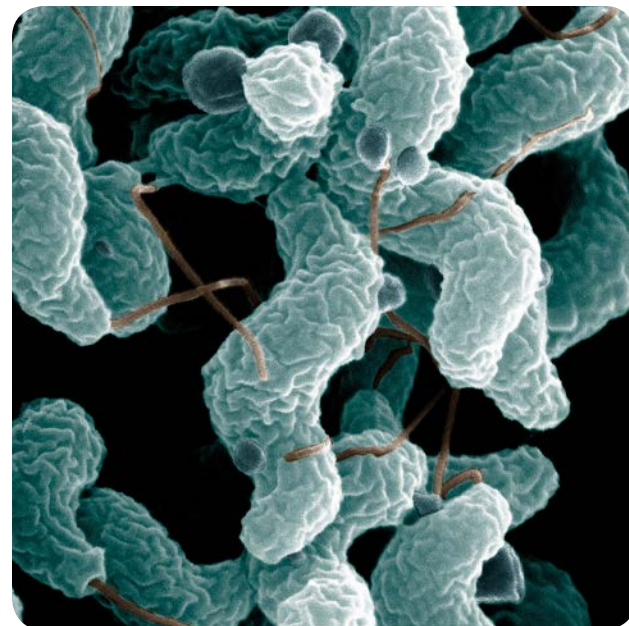




antibiotic

bacteria



A drug that stops bacteria from growing and reproducing, often that is used to treat infections.

Microscopic, one-celled organisms.



contaminate

crude oil



To add something that does not belong with something else, such as dirt in food.

The oil before it has been refined and made into gasoline and other products.



decomposition

ecosystem services



The breaking down of dead organisms into their chemical and mineral parts.

Processes that take place in nature, such as pollination, that support or produce things that help sustain human life, economies, and cultures.



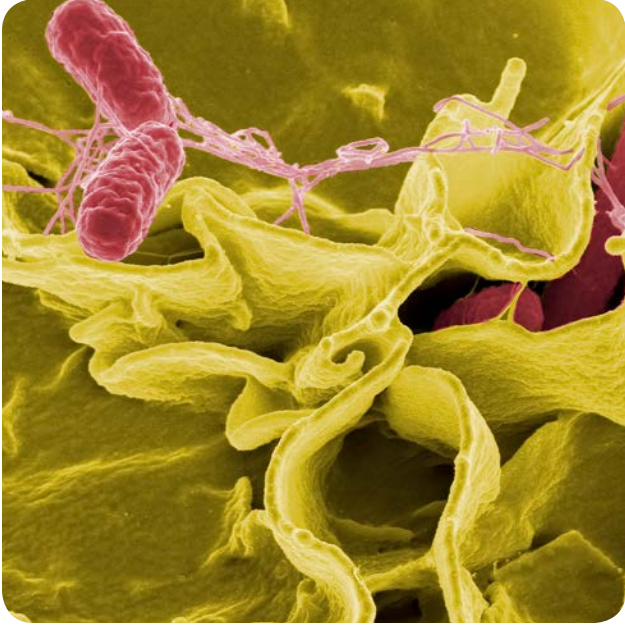
fermentation

fungus



A process in which sugar is broken down and used by microorganisms.

An organism, such as a mushroom, that gets energy and matter primarily from other dead organisms.



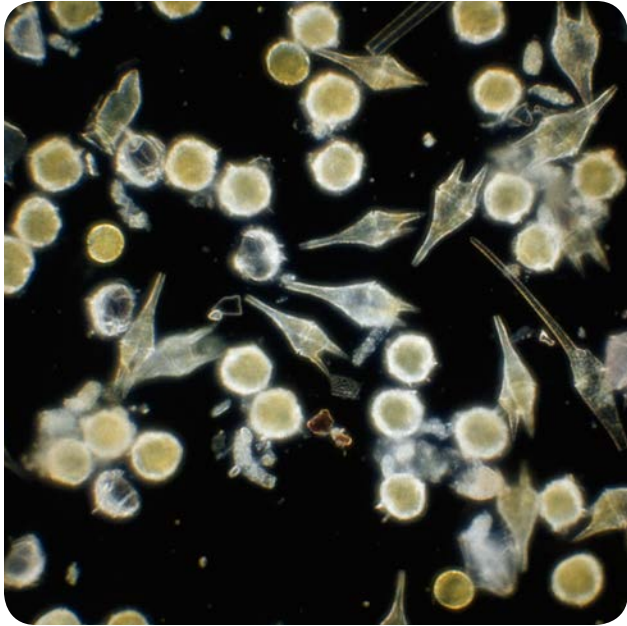
microorganism

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A very small organism that
can be seen only with the aid
of a microscope.

Oil that accidentally gets into
the environment.



organism

penicillin



A living thing, such as a plant, animal, or other life form, that can grow and reproduce.

An antibiotic, produced by a certain mold, that is used against bacterial infections.



vegetable oil

yeast



Oil made from plants.

A single-celled microorganism
that breaks down sugar in a process
called fermentation.